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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
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SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR AFGHANISTAN
RECONSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: Restriction on Temporary Duty Travel to Afghanistan from May 15, 2019 through
September 30, 2019


I direct that there be limited visits to Afghanistan from May 15, 2019 through September 30, 2019 by DoD senior civilian and military personnel. All DoD Components will scrutinize senior-leader travel plans to ensure compliance with this policy.

DoD senior civilian and military personnel will submit travel requests through the DoD-required Aircraft and Personnel Automated Clearance System for a determination of operational necessity. If a request is denied, personnel must coordinate appeals with compelling justification through the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia for approval by me or the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Consistent with normal staffing processes, all personnel assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Defense Agencies, DoD Field Activities, and Offices of the Secretaries of the Military Departments should seek approval from me. All personnel assigned to the Joint Staff, Combatant Commands, and Military Department staffs and commands should seek approval from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

This policy is not intended to inhibit the normal operational flow of personnel to Afghanistan. The purpose of this policy is to curtail and consolidate senior-level DoD visits to Afghanistan during a critical period for U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, the Resolute Support coalition, and our Afghan partners. I have also asked congressional delegations to honor this travel restriction.

Please ensure all civilian and military personnel within your component are briefed on the spirit and intent of this policy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick M. Shanahan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Patrick M. Shanahan
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